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Re:

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Cells (as amended)

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) fee;
- 2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
- 3. Fifteenth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b);
- 4. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing 21 cited documents (US12-US26 and FP14-FP19);
- 5. A copy of 6 cited documents (FP14-FP19); and
- 6. One (1) return postcard.

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